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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL GET WELL MESSAGE TO FRANGIE

1. PRESIDENT FRANGIE ENTERED AMERICAN UNIVERSITY BEIRUT HOSPITAL YESTERDAY APRIL 11 AND THIS MORNING A LEBANESE MEDICAL TEAM SUCCESSFULLY REMOVED HIS GALL BLADDER DUE TO GALL STONES. SAMUEL KIRKWOOD, PRESIDENT OF AUB, AND SAM ASPER, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL SCHOOL, CALLED ON HIM AND INDICATED THAT OPERATION COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL AND PRESIDENT RESTING RELATIVELY COMFORTABLY. A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED AND I RECOMMEND I BE AUTHORIZED TO DELIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A MESSAGE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

2 QUOTE DEAR PRESIDENT FRANGIE: I AM HAPPY TO LEARN THAT YOU WERE SUCCESSFULLY OPERATED UPON FOR THE REMOVAL OF YOUR GALL BLADDER. I EARNESTLY HOPE YOU WILL HAVE A SPEEDY AND COMFORTABLE RECOVERY AND THAT VERY SOON YOU WILL BE ABLE TO RESUME ALL OF YOUR ONEROUS DUTIES AS PRESIDENT OF LEBANON. SINCERELY, GERALD FORD. UNQUOTE
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